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In re: Goudsmit et al.

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For: *NUCLEIC ACID SEQUENCES THAT CAN BE USED AS PRIMERS AND PROBES IN THE AMPLICATION AND DETECTION OF ALL SUBTYPES OF HIV-1*

April 10, 2003

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Commissioner for Patents

Washington, DC 20231

**RESPONSE**

Sir:

This is responsive to the December 18, 2002 final Office Action issued regarding the above-referenced patent application. A Petition for Extension of Time and Notice of Appeal are included herewith. Please enter the following amendments and consider the following remarks.

**IN THE CLAIMS**

Please amend the claims as follows. An Appendix entitled "Marked up version showing changes made" is attached hereto.

13. (amended) A pair of oligonucleotide primers consisting of:

(i) a first hybridizing oligonucleotide selected from the group consisting of:

SEQ ID 1: G GGC GCC ACT GCT AGA GA;

SEQ ID 2: G TTC GGG CGC CAC TGC TAG A; SEQ ID 3: CGG GCG CCA CTG CTA; and

SEQ ID 9: aat tct aat acg act cac tat agg gAG AGG GGC GCC ACT GCT AGA GA; and

(ii) a second hybridizing oligonucleotide selected from the group consisting of:

SEQ ID 4: CTG CTT AAA GCC TCA ATA AA;